

Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, and Production Facilities in
State Waters: Cook Inlet, Alaska AKG315200

Stakeholder Workshop Flier

Background:

DEC is holding two key informant workshops, one in Homer and one in Anchorage, to present how DEC intends to draft Cook Inlet Ocean Discharge Evaluation Criteria (ODCE) and general permit guidance. DEC is inviting representatives of key stakeholders who have been involved in prior Cook Inlet general permit discussions to provide an update on the regulatory framework and procedures that determine how permits are developed, and discuss any specific concerns and data needs regarding the proposed reissuance of the permit. The results of the workshop will be used to develop a Draft Permit and supporting technical information for full public review.

The activities that are intended to be permitted are currently covered by the 2007 General Permit. The Clean Water Act requires that permits are updated and renewed on a 5 year cycle, unless otherwise administratively extended. We would like to update this permit based on newly available data, industry practices, and community input. The intent is to build off of previous studies and outreach to inform DEC in preparing the draft permit and supporting technical documents.

Workshop Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the permit framework, based on governing regulations and standard procedures.
- Discuss existing technical and traditional knowledge, additional data needs.
- Discuss issues and concerns that should be addressed in developing the draft permit
- Capture results to inform DEC in preparing the draft permit and supporting technical documents.

How:

- Participate in a facilitated workshop setting
- Summarize the permitting framework and available information collected to date.
- Solicit input on data needs and how these data needs can be obtained.
- Discuss permitting issues and concerns from the perspective of key stakeholders
- Solicit suggestions from stakeholders

Where & When:

May 27, 2014

EPA Federal Building,

Annex rooms A&B

10am – 3pm (with lunch break)

May 29, 2014

Bidarka Best Western

(on the Sterling Highway), Homer

10am – 3pm (with lunch break)

Who will be invited to attend?

- Tribal government representatives
- Regional Citizens Advisory Councils
- Cook Inlet non-governmental organizations
- Commercial fishing industry representatives
- Government agencies involved in the determination
- Active industry participants and future permit applicants
- Municipal representatives
- Recreation stakeholder representatives